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MR. CHAVEZ: My name is David Chavez and I'm chairman of the Chemehuevi Tribe. Although I'm not speaking as the chairman, nor is this an official statement by the Chemehuevi Tribe. It's a personal statement.

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I believe the draft EIS does not sufficiently address the geology and water issues. Therefore, my concerns are the stability of the geological structure of Yucca Mountain and the potential contamination of ground water by any type of contamination, including and especially nuclear waste. In the event of a major earthquake and possible damage to and leakage of waste, which could contaminate the underground water, is my greatest concern. Contamination of underground water which eventually through underground rivers, streams, or connecting aquifers could end up in the Colorado River, thus contaminating the waters of Havasu Lake and reservations.